ELECTRONIC IMPORT CUSTOMS CLEARANCE IN GERMANY
SIMPLE, INEXPENSIVE AND LEGAL

Do your customs processes comply with the customs regulations applicable in Germany since November 2015? With Swiss Post’s automated customs clearance solution in partnership with GLS, your customs clearance is handled efficiently, legally and at attractive prices.

The legal regulations applicable since November 2015 for export consignments from Switzerland to Germany require all data to be transmitted on a recipient basis (contractual partner of the Swiss customer at the time the parcel leaves Switzerland) in electronic form to the German customs authorities. Exports from Swiss companies without their own branch or importer in Germany are affected.

If you have attached physical recipient lists to your parcel consignments for Germany until now, the new regulations from the German customs authorities will have a major impact on your export processes. Each consignment must go through customs individually on a recipient basis. The number of customs clearances will multiply accordingly. This in turn will create an additional administrative workload and will entail costs.

The solution from Swiss Post

Swiss Post has developed an automated customs clearance solution for the individual customs declarations to be created on a recipient basis. In order to use this solution, you need an electronic connection that exports all relevant customs clearance data from your ERP system and transfers it to Swiss Post GLS.

Once the customs data has been transferred, Swiss Post GLS creates the individual customs declarations in Germany on your behalf. After completing the customs clearance process in Germany, you will be able to access an electronic tax assessment decision for each individual customs declaration via Swiss Post GLS. The process is thus completely paperless. After the customs clearance process in Germany, parcels can be delivered across the whole of the European Union.

Here’s how simple the solution is

Scan the code and watch the explanatory video.

The advantages for you

- The electronic import customs clearance in Germany is simple, inexpensive and legal.
- Cost advantages as a result of the paperless customs clearance process (fully electronic solution).
- Lower expenses as an exporter thanks to direct electronic connection.
- Cumulative Swiss export customs clearance on the basis of the export batch invoice.
- Affordable solution despite individual customs declarations.
- A solution complying with the law and developed together with EU taxation lawyers, and thoroughly clarified with the German Federal Ministry of Finance and the German Customs Authority.
- Everything functions as soon as it has been initialized.
- Your initial expenses will be recovered within 12 months.
- The duration will remain the same, despite the increased complexity of customs clearance, see www.swisspost-gls.ch.
- You will be using an innovative, forward-looking solution.

Preconditions and operating framework
- You must use the Euro Business Parcel service from Swiss Post GLS.
- You must have the necessary registrations in Germany.
- For automated customs clearance, the relevant customs data is required in electronic form for each contractual partner or sale.
- The data concerning origin must be made available in electronic form.
- The individual commercial invoices for each contractual partner and the export batch invoice are required electronically in PDF form.